

# SPONSOR A SIBLING ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020

# Sponsor a Sibling

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#### Sponsor a Sibling

Trustee report for the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

The Trustees are pleased to submit the annual report and financial statement for Sponsor a Sibling for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Registered Charity number 1176912 operating at 25 Grafton Road, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3BD.

Sponsor a Sibling is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution adopted on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and is managed by three Charity trustees named below.

Mrs Laura Rolph-Wills

Chair person

Mr Graham Rolph-Wills

Secretary

Miss Michelle Pierce

Treasurer

The above persons were trustees of the charity, as defined by the constitution and were in office at 31<sup>st</sup> August and served throughout the whole year.

When the time arises, Sponsor a Sibling will appoint new trustees with regard to their experience and background to benefit the charity.

#### Overview

Sponsor a Sibling founded in 2016, originally registered as charity number 1176130. (All assets and funds transferred to Sponsor a Sibling incorporated 1176912 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018) has had a successful year despite a global pandemic and is continuing to thrive.

2020 has proved challenging to everybody especially in the charity sector, however, we feel we have positively reacted in this difficult time and continued to show our Super siblings how amazing they are and make their time in isolation a little easier.

We have pride in the fact that Sponsor a Sibling continues to be managed in a successful, well organised way with thanks to the trustees who show continued dedication and commitment to achieve our objectives. This is reflected in the growth of the charity financially and by the activities carried out and how Sponsor a Sibling adapted where needed during the Corona virus crisis.

#### Objective

The objectives of the charity are as defined in the constitution to offer the relief of siblings of children with life limited or life threatening conditions and also bereaved siblings throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales by providing in particular but not exclusively a gift which will boost morale and offer support and encouragement and keepsakes and holidays.

## Activities

Sponsor a Sibling offer a range of services which contribute to achieve our objective as detailed above.

Following conversations with families and feedback received the trustees continually re assess the services we provide and determine that we are abiding by our duties as trustees of carrying out these services with the duty to have regard to the regulations provided by the charity commission ensuring we continue to meet requirements for public benefit.

From originally offering just our nominated sibling gift packs, we have grown to include hospital packs, bereavement packs, awards and much needed family holidays in our 'Siblings caravan'. We also offer seasonal packs for holidays and Christmas times when available.

#### **Achievements**

Now in its Fourth year, (third year as a registered charity) Sponsor a sibling has continued to grow at a steady pace and provide the much needed services to the siblings of children with life limiting or life threatening conditions and also bereaved siblings.

Sponsor a sibling has been recognised in both national and local media sources and Laura also received a points of light award from Teresa May for the work that sponsor a sibling carries out.

We continue to offer the same services, gift packs, awards, hospital packs, keepsake packs and family holidays along with seasonal gifts as and when possible. We continue to receive phenomenal feedback from families and the smiles on the sibling's faces show how much a small gesture can go a long way.

We had to temporarily re-evaluate our services during the covid pandemic and due to an amazing funding opportunity from The HM Government in partnership with The National Lottery Fund. We were able to send out weekly gift packs to 40 Siblings to help with their mental health and give them a treat during shielding. Some of these gifts included digital cameras, tie die kits, and many more exciting goodies.

Sadly for all of 2020 our caravan was out of use. National lockdowns meant the site remained closed and upon reopening we were all heartbroken to discover a leak had ruined the bathroom floor deeming it unsafe for use. Due to the hard work of our wonderful supporters over the years, we were able to action repairs and with the help of a wonderful local company, we now have a fully functional wet room. Something which will make taking a holiday so much more user friendly to our families.

Fundraising this year was challenging, with nearly half the year spent in lockdown we had no opportunity to attend the various functions we would usually do. We did however have some incredible fundraising efforts from some wonderful people who dyed their hair, took part in epic bike rides and a fabulous effort from Eoghan and Willis Tower Watson with a sponsored hair design resulting in Eoghan's Mohican hair cut!

As previously, our biggest financial responsibility is the costs associated with our caravan in order to enable us to continue providing holidays. With the generosity from 52 lives along with some kind donations we are pleased to report we can continue to provide much needed free of charge holidays to our Super Siblings and their families. We know how much these small breaks mean to our families to spend time together and know after the pandemic, it will be needed more than ever.

### **Financial Review**

Thanks to our corporate partnerships and the dedication of our fundraisers, Sponsor a sibling has had a highly successful year financially despite experiencing a global pandemic.

Funds received in this period have been made up mainly of unrestricted grants, fundraising and donations, including the few payments received from caravan deposits.

Although we do not hold any reserves or a reserves policy for the time being, we feel we have sufficient funds available for us to continue to comfortably meet our objective.

We receive 'Gifts in kind' in the form of items requested via our amazon wish list along and for the period accounted this amounted to £1,386. The amazon gifts are what enable us to supply our sibling gift packs and we use funds raised to top up where needed.

We continue to use the Just Giving platform giving supporters a trusted site to fundraise or donate through and in August 2018 set up the Facebook donation service which has enabled us to receive additional funds and proved a positive benefit to the charity.

Due to the dedication of our corporate partners back in 2019 we were able to pay off the remaining balance of our Black Horse loan which provided our caravan finance. Paid off in full after 19 months of a 5 year agreement was a very positive outcome and we can now concentrate on building our reserves up to ensure we are in the best possible position financially for the future along with our current fundraising mission to purchase a second caravan.

Sponsor a Sibling are excited to be entering another year thriving and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees, supporters and families who have been involved with the charity to date for their continued support. Without the help of others this would not be possible.

Signed on behalf of charity's trustees:

Signature: Wheele

Full Name: M. PIERCE

Position: TREASURER

Date: <u>24.08.2021</u>

LAURA ROLPH-WILLS

24.08.2021

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Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st August 2020

<u>Notes</u>				
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u> 2019</u>
	£	£	£	
INCOME				00.046
Voluntary Income	24,752	-	23,366	30,816
Activities for	1.555		A CCC	2.026
Generating funds	4,666	-	4,666	3,036
Other income sources 1 Other income sources 2	648	10 500	648 10,500	700
Other income sources 2	-	10,500	10,500	
TOTAL INCOME	30,066	10,500	39,180	34,552
EXPENDITURE				
Costs of raising funds		-		1,608
Fundraising trading costs	102	-	102	980
Charitable expenditure	7,253	3,196	9,063	9,534
Governance costs	7,394	-	7,394	10,286
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,749	3,196	16,559	22,408
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NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	15,317	7,304	22,621	12,144
RECONCILLIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds bought forward	26,953		26,953	14,809
Total funds carried forward	15,317	7,304	49,574	26,953

The charity has no recognised gains or losses for the year ending 31st August 2020.

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Balance sheet for the year ending 31st August 2020

<u>Notes</u>				
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u> 2019</u>
	£	£	£	£
A				
Assets and liabilities				
Fixed assets	12,334		12,334	16,822
Tangible assets	12,334		12,554	10,022
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	12,334		12,334	16,822
Current assets				
Accrued Income	1,550		1,550	1,678
Bank accounts	26,830	7,304	34,134	8,197
Prepayments and debtors	1,555		1,555	256
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	29,935	7,304	37,239	10,131
TOTAL ASSETS	42,269	7,304	49,573	26,953
CREDITORS FALLING DUE				
AFTER ONE YEAR				
ALET ACCETC	42,269	7,304	49,573	26,953
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	42,203	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,	,
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			26.053	1/1 000
Surplus income bought forwards	26,953	7.004	26,953	14,809
Surplus income from this period	15,317	7,304	22,620	12,144
TOTAL FUNDS	42,270	7,304	49,573	26,953

## Sponsor a sibling

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

## **Basis of accounting**

The statement of accounts has been prepared under the historical cost convention and is in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the statement of recommended practice, Accounting by charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the charities act 2011

## **Accounting policies**

Income and expenditure is accounted for when received or paid out by the charity

#### Resources

Income	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2020	2019
Donations received	23,366	-	22,718
Gifts in kind	1,386	-	1,608
Payroll giving	648	-	700
Fundraising	3,436	-	2,776
Grants	-	10,500	2,500
Plaques sponsorship	240	-	560
Award sponsorship	-	-	98
Bonus ball income	-	-	822
Caravan donations	990	-	2,770
TOTAL	30,066	10,500	34,552
<u>Expenditure</u>			
To generate voluntary income	-	-	1,608
Fundraising trading costs	102	-	980
Charitable expenditure	7,253	3,196	9,534
Governance costs			
Office costs	564	-	821
Promotional events	224	-	721
Expenses Inc. travel	19	-	241
Fees	270	-	20
Adjustment	-	-	18
Postage, printing and stational	ry 1,010	-	239
Insurance	475	-	327
Equipment			

Rates	344		424
Loan interest	-	-	1,443
Depreciation	4,488	-	5,718
Governance total	7,394		10,286
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,749	7,304	22,408
Surplus Income	<u>15,317</u>	7,304	<u>12,144</u>

Please note none of the trustees received any expenses, salary or benefits from the charity during this period.

## **Tangible fixed assets**

Please find below a list of current Tangible fixed assets belonging to sponsor a sibling.

Caravan	11,074
Asguard shed	55
Molift Hoist	710
Gazebo	443
Keter Shed	52
TOTAL TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	12,334

## NOTES ON STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

1. Payroll giving

This figure is a sum received from payroll giving.

2. Restricted Funding

This figure includes £10,000 awarded from The Government in partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund and £500 Groundworks. All funds used towards Isolation packs.

# Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sponsor a Sibling

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sponsor a Sibling (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

# Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ashley Filer MAAT

01 September 2021

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